

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:11

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LOSS DUE TO BAN ON INDIAN FLIGHTS OVER PAKISTAN AIR SPACE

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Airlines and Air India have suffered heavy losses due to ban on Indian flights over Pakistan Air Space;
- (b) if so, the details of such losses suffered by them so far on account of this ban;
- (c) whether the Government have unilaterally lifted the ban on flights of Pakistan aircraft over Indian air space;
- (d) if so, whether the Government of Pakistan propose to take any reciprocal step; and
- (e) if not, the reaction of the Indian Government thereto?

Answer

- THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b) : Yes sir, The additional cost incurred by Air India and Indian Airlines due to diversion of flights on account of closure of Pakistan Air Space since 1st January,2002 were Rs.20.50 crores and Rs.4.6 crore respectively.

(c) (d) and (e): Government of India on 10 June 2002 lifted all restrictions placed on Pakistani aircraft and Pakistani airlines to overfly Indian territory. The decision was formally conveyed to Government of Pakistan. Pakistan has, however, not taken subsequent steps.